BOROUGH OF CONGLETON

REPORT

ON THE

Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough

FOR THE

Year Ended 31st December, 1967

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To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Congleton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1967 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

Once again there has been a considerable increase in the population. Over the last two years this has amounted to more than ten per cent.

This is bound to result in increased pressure on all the services rendered by the Council varying, of course, in different departments.

As far as Health is concerned and my particular section of it the increase in the work at our Clinics is reflected by the larger attendances. From the Mortality Tables one can see that the largest number of deaths are from vascular lesions in the brain and coronary heart disease. I have asked in former years in the Annual Report that the Regional Hospital Board should give urgent consideration to the establishment of intensive care units suitably staffed and equipped to deal with coronary heart disease. Although these units are appearing in various parts of the County progress is much too slow when one considers that there are more than 60,000 sudden deaths from this condition in England and Wales each year. Measles once again is the most prevalent of the infectious diseases. However the new vaccine is now available and if parents will take full advantage of it we should very quickly see the end of this condition.

Once again I would like to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector for his assistance in the preparation of this report and also to the Engineer and Surveyor for his contribution.

I should like to pay a personal tribute to our late Town Clerk, Mr. Jack Mee. Whenever I was in difficulty of any kind I knew that I could rely on Mr. Mee for support and sound advice. I am sure this was the experience of everyone who worked with him. He was a loyal servant of the Town and he will be very much missed.

His successor, Mr. Horace Lawton, has always given me great assistance and sound advice and I wish to thank him for the help he has given me at all times.

I beg to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

L. RICH

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1966

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITION

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population 18650 (18150)

Births		Total	Male	Female
Live Births	Legitimate	354 (346)	170 (187)	184 (159)
	Illegitimate	14 (13)	5 (8)	9 (5)
Still Births	Legitimate	4 (6)	2 (5)	2 (1)
	Illegitimate	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (1)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1967 - 19.7 (19.7)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population - 17.2 (17.7)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births - 13.[illegible] (19.1)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (Live and Still) births - 14.8 (15.4)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population - .26 (.38)

Infantile Mortality

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	4 (4)	3 (2)	1 (2)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births - 10.8 (11.1)

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales - 18.3 (19)

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births - 11.2 (11.2)

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births - 0 (0)

Deaths	Total	Male	Female
Deaths, all ages	276 (228)	123 (94)	153 (134)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population - 14.2 (12)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population - 11.2 (11.7)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	2	-
Tuberculosis, other	1	-	1
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	12	5	7
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	4	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	2	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	19	6	13
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	2	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	63	25	38
Coronary disease, angina	57	30	27
Hypertension with heart disease	3	1	2
Other heart diseases	21	6	15
Other circulatory disease	14	5	9
Influenza	1	1	-
Pneumonia	16	7	9
Bronchitis	16	12	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	4	3	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	1	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	3	-	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	18	7	11
Motor vehicle accidents	4	2	2
All other accidents	3	2	1
Suicide	1	-	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total	276	123	153

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

	No. of deaths
Puerperal Sepsis	- (-)
Other maternal causes	- (1)

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 Live and Still Births - (2.7)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus	Total	Male	Female
1950	1	1	-
1951	4	3	1
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1
1963	9	9	-
1964	3	2	1
1965	4	1	3
1966	5	5	-
1967	6	4	2

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
Miss M. Marsden, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.

Clinic Nurse

Mrs. A. N. Thursfield	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.

Clinic Services

A variety of services are provided at the Clinic which is very heavily used.

In addition the Clinic Nurse is constantly in attendance to deal with problems and enquiries. We also have from time to time Health Education classes where film shows and demonstrations are given.

We also make available a session at which the Chiropodist attends to give treatment to elderly and handicapped persons.

Clinic Foods Sold During 1967

	Nursery Lane	West Road
Cow and Gate	710	681
Ostermilk	853	1181
S.M.A.	531	552
Triple Pack	51	111
Farex	179	244
High Protein Cereal	70	84
Spoonfoods	1930	2528
Rose Hip Syrup	979	1215
Ribena	692	582
A. & D. Liquid	207	345
Minadex	28	61
Virol	114	94
Vitavel	240	213
Farlene	164	235
Robsoups	1083	1375
Juvel	655	-
Twin Pack	18	30
Mixed Cereal	39	46
Groats	20	39
Baby Rice	74	118
Farley's Rusks	683	730
Liga Biscuits	219	195
Complan	42	-
Barley	26	25
Farex Fingers	73	128
Ovaltine Rusks	111	125
Carella	159	232

Statistics

Mothers Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	107 (95)	501 (514)	51 (51)

Dental Clinics	No. of Inspections	No. of Visits	No. of Extractions	No. of Fillings
Children 0-5	207 (214)	302 (323)	93 (75)	140 (181)
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	38 (27)	70 (117)	36 (22)	40 (90)
Dentures Supplied - 9 (9)				

Infant Welfare

Welfare Centre	New Cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor	Average attendance per Clinic
	0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5				
Nursery Lane	171 (269)	- (-)	- (-)	2754 (3442)	736 (610)	212 (329)	48 (48)	432 (581)	9 (12.1)	77.1 (91.2)
West Road	177 (34)	- (-)	- (-)	2772 (476)	322 (43)	75 (19)	52 (12)	476 (130)	9.1 (10.8)	60.9 (44.8)

Special Clinics for under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	19 (10)	88 (84)	5 (20)	17.6 (4.2)
E.N.T. Clinic	4 (1)	4 (4)	9 (9)	.4 (.4)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	53 (61)	342 (351)	24 (20)	14.2 (17.5)
E.N.T. Clinic	35 (23)	109 (63)	8 (9)	13.6 (7)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1967

Distribution Centre	National Dried Milk		A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F. Cream	H. Cream			
Congleton Clinics and Divisional Medical Office	3449 (1468)	157 (27)	636 (566)	423 (361)	6299 (4949)

Day Nursery

We have in Congleton one of the most successful and efficient Day Nurseries in Cheshire. Despite the frequency of infections that occur in young children we are nearly always full. Although we work in an old building a great deal has been done to modernise and improve and in many respects it is better than some of the more modern buildings being erected.

We are now recognised by the Ministry of Health as a teaching centre for Nursery Nurses.

Day Nursery - Attendances 1967

	Average No. Attending	Total Attendances
0-2 years	9.5 (9.5)	2427 (2337)
2-5 years	29.8 (30)	7374 (7274)

January %	February %	March %	April %	May %	June %	July %	August %
76.8 (81.4)	80.4 (82.3)	78.9 (88.5)	81.8 (82.2)	80.1 (92.8)	91 (87.1)	89.6 (85.7)	66.7 (69.7)

Day Nursery - Attendances 1967 (Continued)

September %	October %	November %	December %	1967 %
96.1 (73.7)	81.3 (78.2)	86.3 (80.6)	74.6 (74.8)	82 (81.4)

Midwifery

Nurse M. S. Bowman and Nurse Butler combine the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

Births - 1967

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
322 (292)	6 (4)	61 (58)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)

Home Nursing

Four District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

Name	Address	Tel. No.
M. S. Bowman	9 Pirie Road, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 3444
V.A.R. Butler	8 Edinburgh Road, Congleton.	Congleton 4444
B. Morris	2 Clayton Avenue, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 2104
E. Scholes (Relief)	36 Bailey Crescent, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 3904

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with the Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling on to their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided.

Meals on Wheels

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.V.S. to old people who have been moved into bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs. Nichols and all her loyal band of W.V.S. workers.

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Completed Primary Courses - Persons under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963-60		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	536	644	90	27	33	20	629	721
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	-	-	-	8	2	6	4
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	13
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	456	683	73	29	73	67	667	714

Reinforcing Doses - Persons under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963-60		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	-	107	246	39	307	20	287	432
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	7	17	19	434	43	338	182
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	8
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	2	8	67	-	77
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	-	119	267	61	657	122	650	576

Smallpox Vaccination - Persons Under Age 16
(South-East Cheshire)

	Year of Birth				Others Under 16	Total	At Clinics	By G.P's
	1967	1966	1965-63	1962-53				
Vaccinated	31	391	277	54	16	769	297	472
Re-vaccinated	-	21	11	38	54	124	2	122

Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1967

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	76	(50)
	76	(50)

Home Helps employed at 31st December 1967

Full time	-	(-)
Part time	49	(38)
	49	(38)

Applications received during 1967

Aged and Infirm	54	(38)
Chronic sick	5	(2)
Mentally disordered	-	(2)
Maternity	7	(4)
Others	14	(4)
	80	(50)

Cases attended during 1967

Aged and Infirm	153	(117)
Chronic sick	15	(13)
Mentally disordered	2	(3)
Maternity	6	(6)
Others	10	(5)
	186	(144)

Domestic Help Service (Continued)

Cases receiving attention at 31st December 1967

Aged and Infirm	117	(98)
Chronic sick	8	(9)
Mentally disordered	1	(3)
Maternity	-	(-)
Others	2	(1)
	128	(111)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. A. B. Watson, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

Drainage and Sewerage

Private development has continued within the Borough during the year in the West Heath, Lower Heath, Buglawton and Astbury Lane areas. In all cases the development has required the extension of the existing drainage system. Loan approval has been received to the construction of the Buglawton relief sewer and a contract has been placed for this work.

Public Cleansing

For a number of years figures quoted in the report have been estimated figures based on nationally accepted figures of refuse per head of population. In a recent Ministry return these figures were found to be incorrect and the tonnage of household refuse disposed of by controlled tipping for 1967 is estimated to be 7,800.

Housing

The number of Council houses completed in 1967:-

Houses	-	(-)
Single person flats	-	(-)
2 bed. maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)
1 bed. type bungalows	26 + 2 bed. Warden's bungalow	(-)
Private houses completed in 1967	216	(222)
Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December 1967 (excluding applications for aged persons bungalows)	231	(235)

Housing (Continued)

Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector	24	(5)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1967

Disease	Age Distribution												Total	Cases admitted to Hospital
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 & over		
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Measles	3	8	10	14	20	57	1	2	1	-	-	-	116	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	5	9	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	2	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	4	1	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	18	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1967 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1958.

Notifications - 1958 to 1967

	1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
Male																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15											1		1							
15 - 25							1										1			
25 - 35				1									1		2					
35 - 45		1					1						1		2		1			
45 - 55	2				1					1	1						1			
55 - 65					1				1		2		1		1		4			
65 & over					1		1						1				1			
Female																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15											2									
15 - 25	1				1		1	1							1					
25 - 35	1						1				1						1		1	
35 - 45							1													
45 - 55													1	1		1				
55 - 65			1																	
65 & over			1	1	1															
Total	4	1	2	2	5	-	6	1	1	1	7	-	6	1	6	1	9	-	1	-

Deaths - 1958/67

	1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963		1964		1965		1966		1967	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
Male																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45																			1	
45 - 55											1									
55 - 65									1		2				1				1	
65 & Over	1								1											
Female																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45																				
45 - 55									1											
55 - 65																				1
65 & over			1												1					
Total	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December 1967, were as follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	45-44	45-54	55-64	65 & over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	5	5	8	9	12	15	54
Female Pulmonary	-	-	1	2	7	9	8	7	8	42
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	8	3	3	4	2	1	21
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	5	5	16

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THIS REPORT COVER THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' DEPARTMENT

Compiled by Mr. R. G. Whiston

General Remarks

No staff vacancies arose during the year and as a result routine visits and inspections were kept up to date and work on the Council's Slum Clearance Programme continued.

For the first time a survey of all licensed premises was undertaken and informal notice of contraventions of the Food and Drugs Acts, Public Health Acts and Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, was sent to the breweries concerned towards the end of the year.

Public Health Act 1936

Complaints

During the year 146 complaints were received and investigated; 21 of these were found to be concerning matters which could not be dealt with by the department; 30 were found to be related to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the departments concerned.

Nuisances

Following complaints, and as a result of routine survey, 105 houses were inspected, a total of 112 nuisances found and 84 informal notices issued, 203 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 111 nuisances found to be abated. 86 informal notices were complied with. 2 formal notices were served and complied with.

Drainage

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 432 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply, from the baths at the National Children's Home and also during the season from the Council's swimming baths. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester, carried out bacteriological examination of the samples and the reports were satisfactory.

All except 27 (80 occupants) of the houses in the Borough have piped water inside the houses from public water mains.

Disinfestation

The houses and household effects of new tenants for council houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons 20 inspections have been carried out and treatments were found to be necessary in 2 cases.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection

8 cases of infectious disease were investigated and the necessary disinfection of premises and library books carried out.

Public Mortuary

This service is under the charge of the department and during the year there were 32 admissions.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses registered.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

The licensed site at Rocky Pool, Timbersbrook, was visited regularly and was found to be satisfactorily kept and well conducted.

The Discontinuance Order in respect of the site at Astbury Marsh became operative on the 1st June but unfortunately its use was not discontinued and many complaints were received.

One case of caravans being illegally sited on private land was dealt with and the vans removed following an approach to the owner who, it was found, was not in fact aware that the land was being so used. On two occasions groups of itinerant caravans were parked on the fair ground but these were dealt with the the Borough Surveyor as this is Council owned land.

Noise Abatement Act 1960

2 complaints only were received, one of noise from the exhaust of a steam pump and the other of noise from a mechanical press. Both nuisances were abated following informal approach to the management of the firms concerned.

Clean Air Act 1956

No complaints were received regarding smoke from industrial chimneys but there were several complaints of burning of trade and commercial or industrial waste causing nuisance to inhabitants in the vicinity.

Housing Acts 1957-1964

102 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 39 re-visits made.

35 houses in clearance areas were demolished and 4 areas completely cleared.

1 individual unfit house was demolished and 2 houses were vacated and closed.

3 clearance areas comprising a total of 31 houses were represented to the Council and Compulsory Purchase or Clearance Orders made.

1 clearance area of 5 houses was purchased by the Council by agreement with the owners.

Reports were submitted on 2 individual unfit properties and Closing Orders were made by the Council in respect of these.

Orders in respect of 2 clearance areas containing 11 houses were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Following applications for advances under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958, 29 houses were inspected and reports submitted to the Council.

Improvement Grants

11 applications for standard grants were received and all but 2 were approved.

Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

775 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 101 contraventions were found and 44 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 61 contraventions had been abated and 25 notices complied with.

7 complaints were received at the office of the unsatisfactory condition of various foodstuffs. 2 of these were found to be not actionable, 5 were referred to the Cheshire County Council who prosecuted 3 of the firms concerned resulting in 2 fines of £15 and 1 of £20, in the other 2 cases warning letters were sent.

Ice-cream

There are 7 shop premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream but only 1 in fact is manufacturing and this one uses the 'cold mix' method. 89 premises are registered only for selling ice-cream.

During the year 17 samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory at Chester, and only 1 was below standard.

Preserved Food

44 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 28 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses

The once licensed slaughterhouse in the Borough continued to operate and all animals slaughtered were inspected as laid down in the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 and carcases passed fit marked in accordance with the regulations. The sum of £122 3s. 0d. was received from the slaughterhouse occupier being the result of the charge levied on a headage basis by the Council in 1963.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

24 slaughtermen's licenses were renewed.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1960

13 farms are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and sell farm bottled milk in the Borough. 4 dairymen are registered and operate from various premises and 62 shop premises are licensed for the sale of milk. 2 premises are registered as dairies.

57 visits have been made dealing with the enforcement of the regulations.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	-	-
Dealer Samples	127	4
Individual Cow Samples	59	2
Total	186	6

There were, at the end of 1967, 13 dairy herds in the district from which milk was sold raw to the public.

Following the 4 notifications from the Public Health Laboratory that samples of milk from dealers in the Borough had been found to be infected with brucellosis, notices were served on the farms concerned requiring all their milk to be diverted to pasteurisation until the affected animals were identified and removed from the herd.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

The Council has one full-time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

68 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers

It is estimated that there are 1,300 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

Factories Act 1961

210 inspections have been made. 25 contraventions were found and 21 contraventions were remedied.

Outworkers

No lists of outworkers were submitted from factories in the area.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

12 general inspections were made and 166 re-visits were made to premises previously inspected.

2 informal notices were served as a result of the general inspections and 20 of the notices served previously were found to be complied with on re-inspection. A total of 5 contraventions were noted and 84 contraventions were found on re-inspection to have been remedied.

2 accidents, both minor, were reported and were investigated.

Premises registered at the end of the year were as follows:-

Offices	-	38
Retail shops	-	130
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	5
Catering establishments	-	6
Fuel storage depots	-	2
		179

A total of 785 persons (males 334, females 451) are shown as employed in the premises registered.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964

There are 6 dealers in the Borough registered under the Act.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of Visits and Inspections

General	No. of Visits
Water supply	71
Drainage	432
Stables and Piggeries	1
Swimming baths	17
Farms	1
Noise abatement	29
Caravans	66
Factories	210
Scrap Metal Dealers	1
Hairdressers	8
Schools	1
Refuse disposal	19
Rats and mice	68
Atmospheric pollution	48
Interviews	254
Pet shops	3
Miscellaneous	314

Housing	No. of Visits
Under Public Health Acts	
Number of houses inspected	105
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	203
Under Housing Acts and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958	
Number of houses inspected	102
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	39
Overcrowding	
Number of houses inspected	1
Verminous Premises	
Number of inspections	20
Found verminous and disinfested	2
Improvement grants	225
Miscellaneous housing visits	57
Infectious Diseases	
Inquiries	8
Visits re disinfection	5
Miscellaneous	14
Food Premises and Food Inspection	
Slaughterhouses	353
Butchers	63
Canteens	7
Dairies and milk distributors	57
Fishmongers and poulterers	13
Food preparing premises	28
Fried fish shops	3
Grocers	201
Greengrocers and fruiterers	64
Ice-cream premises	162
Market stalls	9
Restaurants	23
Street Vendors and Hawkers carts and vehicles	86
Licensed premises	59
Bakeries	19
Miscellaneous	8

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	No. of Visits
Offices	4
Retail shops	4
Wholesalers	3
Caterers	1
Re-visits	166

Summary of Notices Served	
Number of informal notices served	129
Number of informal notices complied with	111
Number of statutory notices served	2
Number of statutory notices complied with	2

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925-1932	
Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	33
Number of houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officer under Public Health or Housing Acts	88
Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to:-	
(a) Serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	Nil
(b) The making of demolition or closing orders	2
Number of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2
Number of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2
Number of Demolition Orders made	Nil
Number of Closing Orders made	2
Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under sub-section (3) of section 16 of the Housing Act 1957	Nil
Number of houses demolished	37
Number of Closing Orders under section 27 (2) of the Housing Act 1957, determined	Nil

Food and Drugs Act 1955

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	26
Canteens	21
Dairies	2
Milkshops	62
Fishmongers and poulterers	7
Greengrocers	13
Grocers and confectioners	115
Restaurants and Cafes	27
Bakehouses	9

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon West Street	1	378	12	51	18	1319	622	2401

Weight of Meat Condemned

Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.	Total lbs.
20	-	20	217	1689	1946

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	lbs.
Canned Foods	2	97
Other Foods		11
	2	108

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Part or Whole

	Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	430	12	18	1,19	[illegible]
All diseases expect T.B. and Cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	121	2	1	119	55
Percentage affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticercosis:					
1965	30.68	-	-	8.88	22.57
1966	16.31	-	-	3.13	4.23
1967	28.14	16.66	5.55	9.02	9.16
Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with T.B:					
1965	-	-	-	-	1.36
1966	-	-	-	-	-
1967	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis:					
1965	0.26	-	-	-	-
1966	-	-	-	-	-
1967	-	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	7649	86
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	251	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	151	-
(ii) Mice	97	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	664	52
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	295	39
(ii) Mice	201	13

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	172	210	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	172	210	4	-

2 - Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			Referred		
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage (S.7):-					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	23	19	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	25	21	-	1	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	3	36	4
Retail shops	4	130	4
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	-	5	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	6	1
Fuel storage depots	-	2	-
Totals	7	179	12

Table B - Number of Visits of All Kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

Table C - Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	249
Retail shops	432
Wholesale departments, warehouses.	23
Catering establishments open to the public	70
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	11
Total	785
Total Males Total Females	334 451